

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A digital audio encoding method comprising:
 - (a) determining a type of a window according to a characteristic of an input audio signal;
 - (b) generating a complex modified discrete cosine transform (CMDCT) spectrum from the input audio signal according to the determined window type;
 - (c) generating a fast Fourier transform (FFT) spectrum from the input audio signal, by using the determined window type; and
 - (d) performing a psychoacoustic model analysis, by using the generated CMDCT spectrum and FFT spectrum.
2. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step operation~~ (a) further comprises:
 - (a1) dividing the input audio signal into a plurality of subbands by filtering the input audio signal, and
~~wherein the step for determining the window type operation (a) is performed for the input~~
audio signal divided into subbands.
3. (currently amended): The method of claim 2, wherein ~~the step operation~~ (a1) is performed by a poly-phase filter bank.
4. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein if the window type determined in ~~the step operation~~ (a) is a long window, a long CMDCT spectrum is generated by applying a long window in ~~the step operation~~ (b), a short FFT spectrum is generated by applying a short window in ~~the step operation~~ (c), and the psychoacoustic model analysis is performed based on the generated long CMDCT spectrum and short FFT spectrum in ~~the step operation~~ (d).

5. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein if the window type determined in ~~the step operation~~ (a) is a short window, a short CMDCT spectrum is generated by applying a short window in ~~the step operation~~ (b), a long FFT spectrum is generated by applying a long window in ~~the step operation~~ (c), and the psychoacoustic model analysis is performed based on the generated short CMDCT spectrum and long FFT spectrum in ~~the step operation~~ (d).

6. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein in ~~the step operation~~ (a), if the input audio signal is a transient signal, the type of the window is determined as a short window, and if the input audio signal is not a transient signal, the type of the window is determined as a long window.

7. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
(e) performing quantization and encoding based on the result of the psychoacoustic model analysis performed in ~~the step operation~~ (d).

8. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the psychoacoustic model is a model used by one in a group comprising a motion picture experts group (MPEG)-1 layer 3, an MPEG-2 advanced audio coding (AAC), an MPEG-4, and a windows media audio (WMA).

9. (original): A digital audio encoding apparatus comprising:
a window switching unit which determines a type of a window according to a characteristic of an input audio signal;
a CMDCT unit which generates a CMDCT spectrum from the input audio signal according to the window type determined in the window switching unit;
an FFT unit which generates an FFT spectrum from the input audio signal, by using the window type determined in the window switching unit; and
a psychoacoustic model unit which performs a psychoacoustic model analysis by using the CMDCT spectrum generated in the CMDCT unit and the FFT spectrum generated in the FFT unit.

10. (original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the encoding apparatus further comprises a filter unit which divides the input audio signal into a plurality of subbands by filtering the input audio signal, and the window switching unit determines the window type based on the output data of the filter unit.

11. (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the filter unit is a poly-phase filter bank.

12. (original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein if the window type determined in the window switching unit is a long window, the CMDCT unit generates a long CMDCT spectrum by applying a long window, the FFT unit generates a short FFT spectrum by applying a short window, and the psychoacoustic model unit performs the psychoacoustic model analysis based on the long CMDCT spectrum generated in the CMDCT unit and the short FFT spectrum generated in the FFT unit.

13. (original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein if the window type determined in the window switching unit is a short window, the CMDCT unit generates a short CMDCT spectrum by applying the short window, the FFT unit generates a long FFT spectrum by applying a long window, and the psychoacoustic model unit performs the psychoacoustic model analysis, based on the short CMDCT spectrum generated in the CMDCT unit and the long FFT spectrum generated in the FFT unit.

14. (original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein if the input audio signal is a transient signal, the window switching unit determines the type of the window as a short window, and if the input audio signal is not the transient signal, determines the type of the window as a long window.

15. (original): The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:
a quantization and encoding unit which performs quantization and encoding based on the audio data from the CMDCT unit and resultant values of the psychoacoustic model unit.

16. (original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the psychoacoustic model is a model used by one in a group comprising an MPEG-1 layer 3, an MPEG-2 AAC, an MPEG-4, and a WMA.

17. (currently amended): A digital audio encoding method comprising:
(a) generating a CMDCT spectrum from an input audio signal; and
(b) performing a psychoacoustic model analysis by using the generated CMDCT spectrum, wherein ~~the step operation~~ (a) further comprises (a1) generating a long CMDCT spectrum and a short CMDCT spectrum by performing CMDCT by applying a long window and a short window to an input audio signal, and
wherein, in ~~step operation~~ (a), the CMDCT by applying the long window and the CMDCT by applying the short window are performed at the same time.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein in ~~the step operation~~ (b) a psychoacoustic model analysis is performed by using the long CMDCT spectrum and short CMDCT spectrum generated in ~~the step operation~~ (a1).

20. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein ~~the step operation~~ (a) further comprises:

(a1) dividing the input audio signal into a plurality of subbands by filtering the input audio signal, and

~~wherein the step for generating the CMDCT spectrum operation (a)~~ is performed for the input audio signal divided into subbands.

21. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, further comprising:

(a1) determining a type of a window to be used for operation (a), according to a characteristic of the input audio signal.

22. (currently amended): The method of claim 21, wherein in ~~the step operation~~ (a1) if the input audio signal is a transient signal, the window type is determined as a short window, and if the input audio signal is not the transient signal, the window type is determined as a long window.

23. (currently amended): The method of claim 20, wherein ~~the step operation~~ (a1) is performed by a poly-phase filter bank.

24. (currently amended): The method of claim 22, wherein if the window type determined in ~~the step operation~~ (a1) is the long window, quantization and encoding of a long MDCT spectrum are performed based on a result of the psychoacoustic model analysis performed in ~~the step operation~~ (b), and if the window type determined in ~~the step operation~~ (a1) is the short window, quantization and encoding of a short MDCT spectrum are performed based on the result of the psychoacoustic model analysis performed in ~~the step operation~~ (b).

25. (original): The method of claim 17, wherein the psychoacoustic model is a model used by one in a group comprising an MPEG-1 layer 3, an MPEG-2 AAC, an MPEG-4, and a WMA.

26. (currently amended): A digital audio encoding apparatus comprising:
a CMDCT unit which generates a CMDCT spectrum from an input audio signal; and
a psychoacoustic model unit which performs a psychoacoustic model analysis by using
the CMDCT spectrum generated in the CMDCT unit,

wherein the CMDCT unit generates a long CMDCT spectrum and a short CMDCT spectrum by performing a CMDCT by applying a long window and a short window to the input audio signal, and

wherein the CMDCT by applying the long window and the CMDCT by applying the short window are performed at the same time.

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the psychoacoustic model unit performs a psychoacoustic analysis by using the long CMDCT spectrum and short CMDCT spectrum generated in the CMDCT unit.

29. (original): The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising:
a filter unit which divides the input audio signal into a plurality of subbands by filtering the input audio signal, wherein the CMDCT unit performs CMDCT for the data divided into subbands.

30. (original): The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising:
a window type determining unit which determines a type of a window, according to a characteristic of the input audio signal.

31. (original): The apparatus of claim 30, wherein, if the input audio signal is a transient signal, the window type determining unit determines the window type as a short window, and if the input audio signal is not the transient signal, determines the window type as a long window.

32. (original): The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the filter unit is a poly-phase filter bank.

33. (original): The apparatus of claim 31, further comprising:
a quantization and encoding unit wherein if the window type determined in the window type determining unit is the long window, the quantization and encoding unit performs quantization and encoding of a long MDCT spectrum, based on a result of the psychoacoustic model analysis performed in the psychoacoustic model unit, and if the window type determined in the window type determining unit is the short window, performs quantization and encoding of

a short MDCT spectrum, based on the result of the psychoacoustic model analysis performed in the psychoacoustic model unit.

34. (original): The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the psychoacoustic model is a model used by one in a group comprising an MPEG-1 layer 3, an MPEG-2 AAC, an MPEG-4, and a WMA.

35. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium for recording a computer program code for enabling a computer to provide a service of encoding input audio signals, the service comprising ~~steps~~operations of:

- (a) determining a type of a window according to a characteristic of an input audio signal;
- (b) generating a complex modified discrete cosine transform (CMDCT) spectrum from the input audio signal according to the determined window type;
- (c) generating a fast Fourier transform (FFT) spectrum from the input audio signal, by using the determined window type; and
- (d) performing a psychoacoustic model analysis, by using the generated CMDCT spectrum and FFT spectrum.

36. (currently amended): The computer-readable recording medium of claim 35, wherein ~~the step~~operation (a) further comprises:

- (a1) dividing the input audio signal into a plurality of subbands by filtering the input audio signal, and

~~wherein the step for determining the window type operation~~ (a) is performed for the input audio signal divided into subbands.

37. (currently amended): The computer-readable recording medium of claim 36, wherein ~~the step~~operation (a1) is performed by a poly-phase filter bank.

38. (currently amended): The computer-readable recording medium of claim 35, wherein if the window type determined in ~~the step~~operation (a) is a long window, a long

CMDCT spectrum is generated by applying a long window in ~~the step operation~~ (b), a short FFT spectrum is generated by applying a short window in ~~the step operation~~ (c), and the psychoacoustic model analysis is performed based on the generated long CMDCT spectrum and short FFT spectrum in ~~the step operation~~ (d).

39. (currently amended): The computer-readable recording medium of claim 35, wherein if the window type determined in ~~the step operation~~ (a) is a short window, a short CMDCT spectrum is generated by applying a short window in ~~the step operation~~ (b), a long FFT spectrum is generated by applying a long window in ~~the step operation~~ (c), and the psychoacoustic model analysis is performed based on the generated short CMDCT spectrum and long FFT spectrum in ~~the step operation~~ (d).

40. (currently amended): The computer-readable recording medium of claim 35, wherein in ~~the step operation~~ (a), if the input audio signal is a transient signal, the type of the window is determined as a short window, and if the input audio signal is not a transient signal, the type of the window is determined as a long window.

41. (currently amended): The computer-readable recording medium of claim 35, further comprising:

(e) performing quantization and encoding based on the result of the psychoacoustic model analysis performed in ~~the step operation~~ (d).

42 - 43. (canceled)

44. (new): The method of claim 1, wherein the performing the psychoacoustic model analysis comprises obtaining an audio masking threshold used for encoding of the input audio signal.